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AUSTRALIAN STRAFERS BOMB HEAVILY IN KOREA MIX-UP

Allies Attacked In Fog And Confusion

Tokyo, July 4.

Americans came under fire yesterday but apparently it was fire from their Allies. A train bearing American troops up to the front lines was strafed by four Mustang planes bearing the Australian insignia.

One American soldier was wounded and two South Korean soldiers were killed. The injury was not serious.

Australian planes went into action on the whole front for the first time and in confusion and fog of war they mistook the American troop train for a concentration of Korean Communists. They went into action immediately and before they were through they had destroyed a South Korean red brick artillery school and a concentration of trucks.

Sergeant William Schwelling was crouching in a fox hole and he had a clear view of the incident. "The planes were Mustangs," he said, "they came in at 5,000 feet and I saw the red, white and blue circles on their wings as plain as day."

Peter Kallischer, United Press war correspondent, came on the scene shortly after the attack. He said in a telephone dispatch to Tokyo.

"There were about 50 trucks heading south carrying wounded South Korean soldiers. Others not seriously wounded were walking wrapped in blood-soaked bandages. They picked their way past smouldering trucks along the road. Three trucks and at least eight other vehicles had been hit."

FULL ERUPTION
"When I reached a town which I cannot name for security reasons I saw an ammunition train in full eruption. Steel fragments screamed overhead and plopped into rice paddies on either side of the road as far as half a mile from the scene of explosion. I went on through the town and continued northward."

There was almost another incident similar to the Australian strafing. Private Alvin Clingman was driving a jeep 20 miles south of Suwon when two jet planes which he believed to be American began strafing. They came over a second time but I guess they recognised us then. They wagged their wings and took off."

An acid smell of gunfire still hangs over the road where American jets and Australian Mustangs blew up an ammunition train yesterday. United Press.

EDITORIAL

The Promised City Hall

INTIMATION that Government has given the go-ahead signal for the first stage of the long-projected Praya reclamation scheme, which will advance the waterfront more than 100 yards into the existing harbour limits, might have been expected to stir enthusiasm less on account of the primary immediate purpose than for the assurance offered as an accompaniment. The practical reasons pressing the authorities towards an early start are, of course, concerned with the urgent need for modern and adequate ferry piers, replacing those which have given good service for more years than most of us care to remember, but are obviously near their last legs. Enough has been heard about the dispute over pier leases for that to be taken for granted. Community interest should, however, be roused powerfully by the declared intention of the Government to satisfy the civic-minded nucleus of our population and provide the long-overdue amenities of a City Hall. But has it? If it has, it has lacked entirely any form resembling outward expression. We may suppose that discussion will be stimulated by the announcement at the next gathering of the Sino-British Club, leaders of a campaign to exert pressure on the Government. Actively engaged in fostering intelligent interest in public affairs among citizens of Hongkong of all nationalities, the members will greet the news that a site is to be reserved on the new reclamation with the utmost cordiality. Nevertheless, it is curious to discover a suggestion of apathy elsewhere. It is strange, for instance, that not a single letter has appeared in the Press on the subject, either applauding the decision, submitting constructive ideas or revealing an inquiring mind. What should it provide? A museum and a theatre? Public halls for dancing or

lectures, public meetings? A debating chamber for the newly constituted Legislative Council (when it comes into being with its unofficial majority) and offer seating facilities in a public gallery? Administrative offices for departments in close touch with public affairs? But nothing has been forthcoming, not even a bright thought on lines hinting that the authorities should now seek the services of an imaginative architectural expert on civic centre designs lest they have a mind to leave the task trustfully to those responsible for such stately mansions as, say, Leighton Hill Apartments. Possibly, we are inclined to be too critical? It may be that the prospect of at last getting something done is too new to be fully absorbed and tune the mind to the mood for constructive comment. It may be that public opinion in Hongkong cannot ascribe importance to any project unless the bird is closer to hand. Again, it is possible that the minor role accepted by the citizens of the Colony in the conduct of public affairs is a reflex of a hundred years of colonial administration, discouraging to any real sense of citizenship. We perhaps cannot expect to observe a growth of civic spirit until after steady cultivation of that state of mind in a civic centre we can be proud of and lending it added inducement by constitutional reform. Those are matters we have, more than once in recent months, pressed upon the attention of the Government, insisting that it was high time something positive was done. Today, it would be eminently encouraging to be able to demonstrate that this community is equally keen on realisation of a long-felt need. In short, that the Colony is deserving of a City Hall and appreciative now the wait cannot be so prolonged as was feared.

Princess As Godparent



Princess Elizabeth with the infant son of Lord and Lady Brabourne after the christening in Kent. Lord and Lady Mountbatten, behind, also acted as godparents. Lady Brabourne is holding the hand of her first son. (Central Press)

More Bombers For MacArthur

Washington, July 3. Washington today ordered medium bombers, units of the United States Air Force's Strategic Command to the Far East, the Defence Department announced.

The aircraft will be the first Air Force reinforcements from the United States to be sent to the Far East since the invasion of South Korea.

They will leave from bases in California and Washington States. —Reuter.

Assassinations Spreading Fear In Vietnam

Saigon, July 3. A series of major political assassinations spread fear throughout Vietnam today as the Communist guerrillas answered President Truman's promise of increased military aid for the Vietnamese government by stepping up their terrorist campaign.

Truong Vanem, director of the Vietnam daily newspaper Ahn Sang, was shot dead as he left his garage for work. The assassin threw grenades to cover his escape.

The victim had been wounded in an earlier ambush and was only one of the press leaders marked for death in the Vietnam attack against French censorship and the anti-Communist press.

The United States aid representative, Robert Blum, narrowly escaped death last week when his car was fired on north of Hanoi. American, French and Vietnamese officials are heavily guarded when they travel the isolated country roads, where

NORTH KOREA ADVANCE THREATENS SUWON

Desperate Bid To Hold On Till Americans Arrive

Tokyo, July 3.

General Douglas MacArthur's Allied headquarters here announced today that three North Korean columns were threatening the eastern flank of Suwon, walled city 25 miles south of the captured South Korean capital of Seoul.

Queries About Urquhart

London, July 3. Mr Ernest Davies, Foreign Under-Secretary, told Parliament today that the British Consul-General in Shanghai, Sir Robert Urquhart, was being relieved of his post as a matter of routine and for personal reasons.

Mr Walter Fletcher, Conservative, who had raised the matter, asked whether Sir Robert was being relieved at his own request and whether he would be replaced by an officer of the same repute and experience.

Mr Davies replied that the Foreign Office had every intention and hope of replacing him by an officer of equal rank. —Reuter.

One column had reached Yongin, five miles east of Suwon, and another Komyangjang, 10 miles south-east. A third column was moving south about 30 miles east of Suwon.

The announcement said that the South Korean defenders were still holding Ichon, road junction town east of Suwon, and a line north of Suwon. They were moving reinforcements north in an attempt to contain the North Korean threat to the city's eastern approaches.

The communiqué said that North Korean Yak fighters had strafed and bombed South Korean forces south of Kimp'o airfield, near Seoul, with small anti-personnel bombs, causing slight casualties.

Fighters had also strafed Suwon airfield and periodically bombed Suwon's defences.

United States armed forces in Korea (USAFIK) headquarters were now completely established in the Korea battle area under command of Major-General William F. Dean.

Far East naval forces, composed of British and American warships, continued patrols off both the east and west coasts, "but without particular action."

The transport of men, arms and ammunition from Japan to Korea continued unmolested throughout the day, the communiqué said.

AIR RAID
It added that American bombers had raided Han River bridges in the Seoul area, and fighters had attacked troop concentrations, but said that results had not yet been reported.

Operations included a raid on Yonpo airfield in North Korea by 10 B-29 Superfortresses. American fighters, supported by Australian Mustangs, had shot down one North Korean LA7 type plane and one Yak-9, destroyed 22 trucks and damaged 20 more.

Seven tanks had been destroyed and five more damaged. One railway engine had been knocked out and unknown damage done to three more. An ammunition dump had also been blown up.

The communiqué admitted the loss of one B27 twin-engine invader attack bomber, and light damage to three F80 Shooting Star jet fighters from ground fire. —Reuter.

Cabinet Talks On Korea

London, July 3. The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, has summoned the Cabinet for a further meeting tomorrow on the Korean situation.

Today's Cabinet meeting, it is understood, had such a wide programme of business that insufficient time was left for the full discussion of the Korean situation. Mr Attlee made a brief statement in Parliament this afternoon—but it was only a summary of events already reported. —Reuter.

Guardsmen Turn Porters

London, July 3. British Guardsmen doffed their scarlet parade jackets today to join 2,000 soldiers and Royal Air Force men delivering meat from strikebound wholesale markets to local butchers.

The strike began at the big Smithfield market when over 600 porters and shopmen walked out for higher wages. It spread to poultry markets and cold storage houses.

Some 3,000 were on strike. —United Press.

Bette Seeking Divorce

El Paso, Texas, July 3. The American film actress, Bette Davis, has filed a suit for divorce from William Grant Sherry in Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, charging incompatibility. It was announced today.

Her lawyer said that the couple had already signed a property settlement. —Reuter.

Broadstairs War Prophet

Broadstairs, July 3. The Town Council of Broadstairs, on the south-east coast of England, was urged tonight to make preparations for civil defence because a Council member said, "England will be at war with a major power by 1952."

The Council member, Mr C. H. Tyers, former naval lieutenant commander, told members, "People do not take civil defence seriously enough. Three years ago I publicly stated that we would be at war with a major power in five years and I have not changed my opinion."

The Council decided to ask for volunteers for the post of district air raid warden. —Reuter.

Secret Washington Conference

Washington, July 3. President Truman conferred with top government officials for an hour at Blair House this afternoon in an atmosphere of the utmost secrecy.

Conferees included Cabinet members, the Senate majority leader, Mr Scott Lucas, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, who entered and left Blair House by the back door.

Police kept reporters from questioning them as they left. The White House and announced earlier that President Truman planned no official activity during the afternoon.

Present at the conference besides General Bradley and Senator Lucas were the Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, Dr Philip Jessup, the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the President's new special assistant, Mr Averell Harriman, the Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder, the Agriculture Secretary, Charles Brannan, and the Postmaster General, J. Donaldson.

Reporters caught up with Senator Lucas' car as it stopped in the traffic, but the Senate leader refused to say anything about the conference. He commented only that it was not a "social affair."

The police had orders from the Secret Service not to allow reporters in the area where official cars were parked and not to permit newsmen to question the conferees as they came out. —United Press.

Anxiety for Britons Who Stayed in Seoul

London, July 3. The Foreign Office is concerned about the disappearance of members of the staff of the British diplomatic mission in Seoul, Southern Korea, a spokesman said today.

It is now about a week since any message has been received from the British Minister, Mr Vyvian Holt.

The last message from Mr Holt stated that he and one member of his staff, Mr G. Blake, a Vice-Consul, would remain in Seoul. The spokesman said that there was no information about what had become of the two men.

In reply to a question, he said that Mr Holt had authority either to remain in Seoul or to retreat southward as he thought best. Britain was now considering how best to make enquiries about the fate of Mr Holt and of other British subjects remaining in Seoul.

One of the possibilities being considered was making enquiries in Peking.

TWO TRACED
Two British Consul officials who withdrew from Seoul in the face of the North Korean advance and had been untraced for nearly a week have now "reached Japan."

The two men are Mr S. E. Faithful, Consul, and Mr S. R. Rellon, Vice-Consul.

No report has been received from Mr Faithful and Mr Rellon but that their safe arrival has been reported by the British authorities in Japan. —Reuter.

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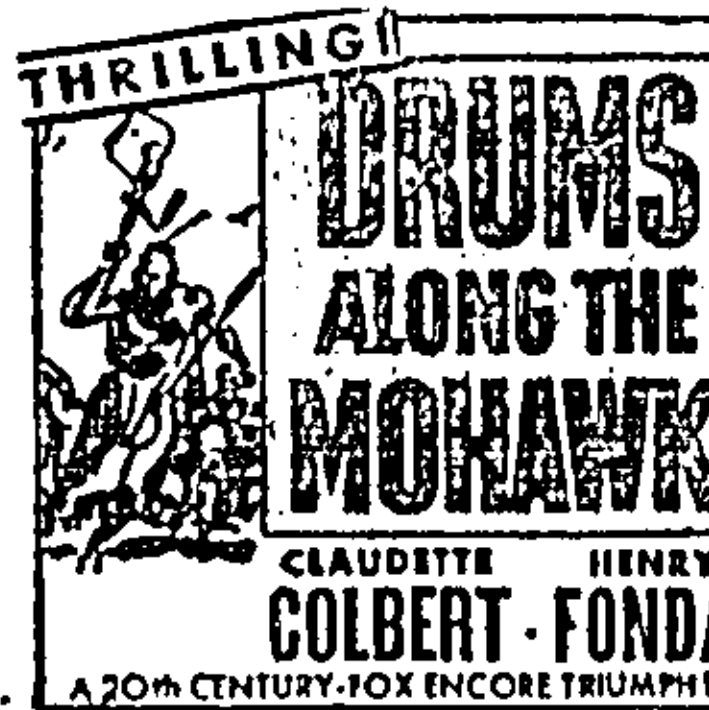
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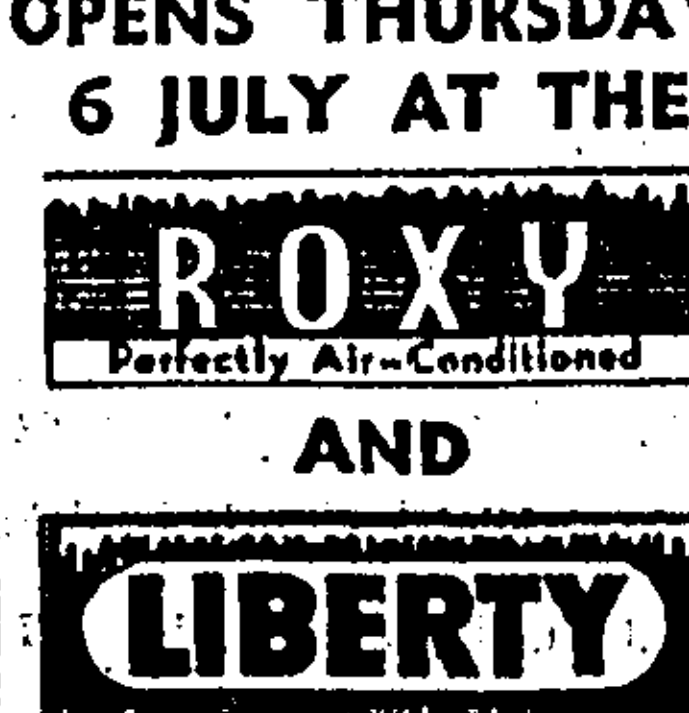


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Need this happen to Britain?

by
Sir John ANDERSON

former chairman of the Government's
advisory committee on atomic energy

A PAMPHLET with the title Atomic Attack: Can Britain be Defended? has just been issued by the Association of Scientific Workers. It is anonymous, except for a foreword by Professor P. M. S. Blackett, FRS.

In the first part of the pamphlet experience of atomic bombs in Japan and Bikini is summarised. The material has been taken from well-known public sources and calls for no comment.

There follows an appreciation of the civil defence problem in relation to atomic warfare. It is, I think, unfortunate that the authors should have rushed into print without waiting for the

experience leaves me in little doubt that the conclusions set forth in the pamphlet will be found wide of the mark in a number of important respects. The destructive power of atomic weapons is, of course, infinitely greater than of those with which we have hitherto had to deal.

On the other hand, such weapons are very costly and are and seem always likely to continue to be, in strictly limited supply.

Moreover, to give "value," the bombs would have to be placed with great accuracy—no easy matter in the face of an active defence.

I should expect to find in the official appreciation, when it becomes available, strong support for the view that Civil Defence of the kind evolved to

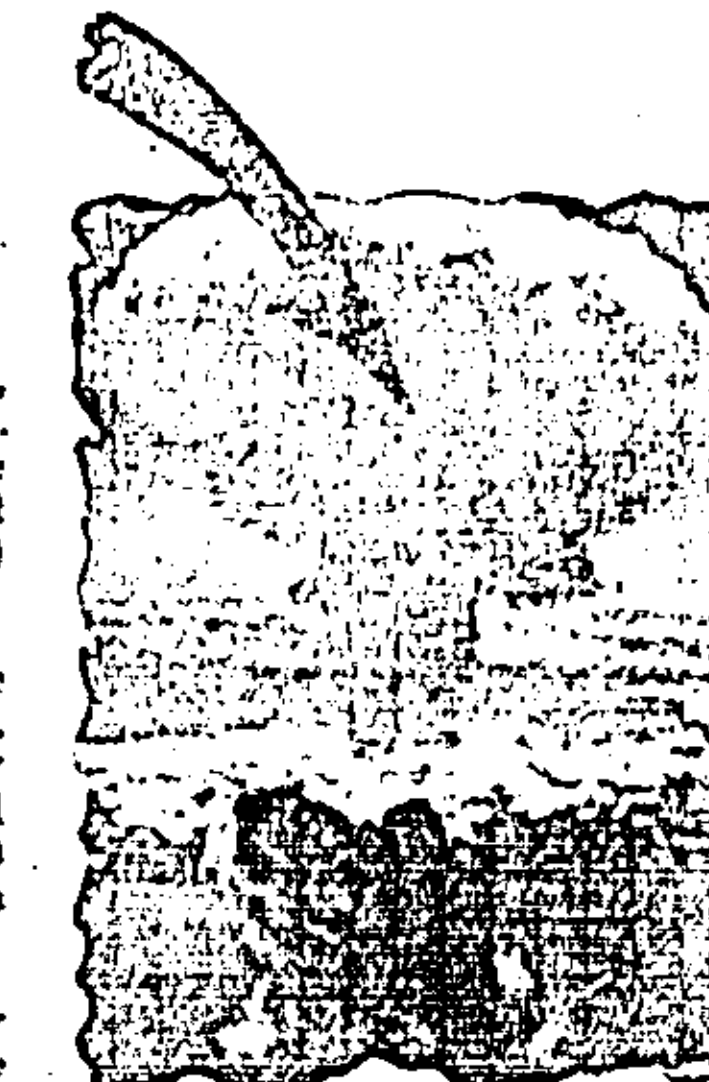
These would be startling, if, in a measure, reassuring, conclusions, but I would advise readers strongly not to reject them in advance of official pronouncements.

So far there is not much to be said in criticism of the pamphlet, except that the writers may have shown undue haste and unjustified self-confidence in putting forward their own views at this juncture.

I feel bound to adopt a very different attitude towards the later parts of the pamphlet, as interpreted by Professor Blackett's commentary in his foreword. I find it indeed difficult to observe becoming restraint in commenting.

'INEVITABLE'

HAVING concluded—wrongly as I would maintain—that defence can contribute little or nothing, and ignoring the obvious consideration that power to retaliate effectively may in practice be of far greater value than measures of defence, active or passive, however these may be evaluated, the professor



attitude. The obvious fact that in relation to such a potential enemy British diplomacy would in all matters be impotent seems to have eluded him.

Inconsequently, however, as it seems to me, the Professor goes on to suggest that, having protested ourselves, we should proceed to a renewed effort to secure an effective agreement with Soviet Russia on the control of atomic energy.

Why in such circumstances we should be listened to for a moment by friend or potential foe is a query that has not, apparently, presented itself to the minds of Professor Blackett or those whoever they may be, who think like him.

UNPRODUCTIVE

IT is no doubt true that the efforts so far made to secure international agreement through the Atomic Energy Commission of the United Nations Organisation in New York have proved unproductive. That does not mean, however, that they should not be renewed or that a fresh approach should not be sought.

For one have always thought it unfortunate that the issue should have been complicated by the outbreak of the introduction of a conception of international ownership, obnoxious as that conception must be to any mind obsessed by theories of national sovereignty.

By all means let us all try again, but let us make our declaration from strength and not from weakness. Those who are disposed to be critical of the failure of the efforts so far made should, however, devote more attention than they have hitherto been disposed to give to the obstacle which a closed frontier offers to the establishment of the mutual confidence essential to the satisfactory solution of the problem of international control.

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How To Write Best-Sellers

By VIRGINIA GRAHAM

THERE are published today an enormous number of books which never receive attention from the critics.

They are not, in the narrowest sense of the word, literature, for most of them, to be frank, are extremely badly written and slip happily into the category of Tripe. Nevertheless they sell in millions.

It is no good arguing with facts. These books sell. And they sell because they are the perfect answer to the Englishman's innate yearning to be cerebrally inert whenever possible. For we English have never cared for thinking. It is not an exercise we admire.

is also an attractive proposition (especially, of course, if one is a waitress). It is pleasant to think such things still occur and to know that wealth, beauty, fame and heaps of passionate kisses may, even now, be sweeping round the corner in a Rolls.

Love must be as one knows it—inarticulate, affectionate, even brutal: or else it must be as fragrantly perfumed, as chivalrous and as unlikely as a young girl's dream.

Anything midway, any problems into the motives or impulses of love, we English do not like at all. We made up our minds ages ago about love as did we also about religion, foreigners and other controversial subjects, and our minds don't want to be disturbed. This should be the pet boiler's motto: DO NOT DISTURB.

NOT all readers, however, are obvious escapists. Although there is a category which likes vicariously to live the lives of out-of-this-world romantics, there is a large solid body of people who like to read about themselves.

For the millions who escape via the printed word into a glorious world where Chanel-scented duchesses are swept into the arms of Spanish gigolos on moonlit terraces at Cannes, there are millions who prefer reading about Ivy standing in the fish queue.

"There!" cry the first batch, "but for appalling bad luck, go!" And "There!" murmur the second batch with a comfortable sigh, "am I!"

To be successful with the masses, in fact, it is only necessary for an author to arrange matters in such a fashion that his reader can identify himself with one of the characters. In order to do this he must either be outrageously imaginative or simple as a mufin. Pensive he must not be.

The good English family, hard-working, unemotional, aunt-ridden and sink-bound, is always nice to read about because it is always nice to see oneself in print and, particularly, to find one is understood and slightly cherished.

The multi-millionaire who marries the waitress

Her heroines are Vrang, a Balinese Temple dancer who is "slim as a bamboo wand and lovely as a blossom," and Joanna, who is a nice, tweedy English girl.

The hero, Richard Mallory—unbelievably enough, there is also a Freddie Carruthers and a Robert Cardew in the cast—marries the Balinese girl and brings her back to England to live with his mother.

So on the one hand you have all the friendly dish-washing, the village gossip, the garden in the rain, crosswords, the radio and the vicar, and on the other the mysterious East, the little soap-stone image with emerald eyes stuffed under the pillow.

YOU can choose between identifying yourself with Vrang "clad in a near-transparent garment of some gauzy black chiffon sprinkled with gold" whose hair hangs "loose and lustrous in a cloud about her neck and face" or with Joanna who has "slim, gallant shoulders," and is like the English countryside, "strong and enduring but with an inner warmth ready to burst into blossom at the first touch of sunshine."

The thoughts with which this book is burdened are not profound and we can cheerfully recognise them as our own. So our desire to know what happens in the end—a very real desire—is not distracted by mental disturbances of any kind.

We do not worry in the least about style, for we have never been interested in the turn of a phrase or the balance of a paragraph. We just read smoothly on, relaxed as babies, and when we have finished we will pick up a novel by Alexander Dicks, and not one cell of our poor tired old brains will question anything, answer anything, learn anything, note anything or, after five minutes, remember anything.

Wasting our time? Well, what's reading for anyway? (World Copyright Reserved—London Express Service.)

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER

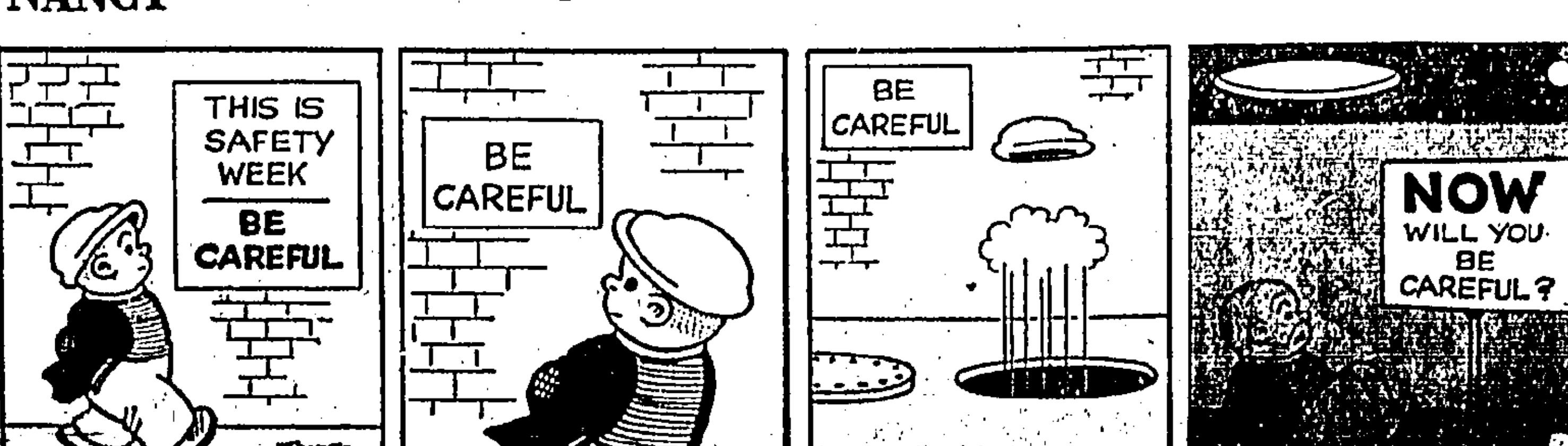


"I only hope, Muriel, that the experience of those unfortunate footballers in Bogota will encourage some of us to think a little more about the side and a little less about self!"

NANCY

Underground Warning

By Ernie Bushmiller



Establishing faith among the pessimists KOREA: MOST CRUCIAL TEST FOR U.N.

Security Council's duty to avoid similar conflicts

Security for West Germany

Frankfurt, July 3.
Spurred by Korea's example, the West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, today appealed formally to the Western occupying powers for definite guarantees of the West German security. The plea was made in a letter to the High Commissioners.

At the last formal meeting with the Commissioners, Dr Adenauer agreed to postpone the security guarantee issue "until a more appropriate time" but German politicians and newspapers have hammered on the theme that there is no more appropriate time than now, when South Korea is being invaded in a thrust which many Germans fear can be paralleled here.

NOT SOUGHT

The Western answer has been that the presence of occupation troops is a guarantee, but many Germans think that that is not enough. Dr Adenauer wants a promise that the Western powers are prepared to defend Germany in case of a Russian attack.

Dr Adenauer is supported by such papers as the Munich Merkur, which said: "We have decided in favour of the West and we believe we are in a position to demand from the West that we be saved from the fate of Korea by timely pledges of help and adequate security guarantees."—United Press.

KOREAN FIGHTING

(Continued from Page 1.)

continued a southward drive after joining up with guerrillas on the east coast.

The communiqué, quoted by the New China News Agency in a message received here, said that North Korean units advanced swiftly southward on July 1 from Chwunchun and Hongchun, about 38 miles east of Seoul, and "liberated" over 20 districts and 400 villages.

One Army unit took Kyungnam town, 14 miles east of Suwon, at 5 p.m. on July 1 after crossing the Han River at a point 6 miles south of the 38th Parallel.

"Another unit pressed near Wunchu, county seat, 60 miles south-east of Seoul," the communiqué added.

In the east, the Korean People's troops continued their southward drive after joining up with guerrilla forces. The People's Army also repulsed American naval vessels which attacked on the east coast.

"UTTER CONFUSION"
"Covering advancing ground forces," the Korean People's Air Force went into action in several air engagements with American aircraft in very bad weather conditions on July 1. "American planes were all driven off."

The Korean Central Telegraph Agency quoted by the New China News Agency, today reported a "people's rising" in the Taikui district of south Kyung-sang Province. This had caused "utter confusion" among the South Korean troops, it said.

Guerrillas had aroused "utter confusion" among the South Korean troops, it said.

Guerrillas, aided by peasants, were incessantly attacking troops and police, the Agency added.—Reuter.

Australian Defence Talks

Canberra, July 3.
The Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, has called a special meeting of the Australian Defence Council for Wednesday to consider "urgent defence matters."

The Council includes the Defence Minister, the service chiefs, and the Minister of Labour.

Informed quarters said the Council will consider recommendations made by Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, after his recent visit to other urgent matters.

Geneva, July 3.
The United Nations was facing the most crucial test of its whole existence, Senor Herman Santa Cruz, Chilean President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, told the first meeting of the Council's eleventh session here today.

The delegates from Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia were not present at the meeting.

"There are those who hope to see the liquidation of our organization but the Security Council has put into operation the machinery for the defence of peace," Senor Santa Cruz said. "We are meeting at the most delicate moment in the history of the United Nations. The aggression in South Korea puts the United Nations to the supreme test and even threatens its very existence."

The Council's duty, he added, was to speed up international co-operation in economic and social fields in under-developed areas of the world in order to avoid similar conflicts in those regions.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar said that the task facing delegates was greater than ever before.

"There are two sets of people not friendly to this organization," he said. "Those who want its liquidation to give them free rein in their attempt at the spoliation of the world at the expense of the weak, and those doubting Thomases who cannot see the wood for trees and think that the work of the United Nations has been all in vain."

He said it was the Council's duty to re-establish faith among the peoples of the world by working with a new determination.

ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

"The principal causes of unrest in the world are that the economic objectives before us have not been fulfilled, that in many parts of the world social injustices have not been righted, and that respect for human dignity has not everywhere been ensured."

"This is the fundamental reason why these people rebel against the United Nations work," he added. "There is no reason to despair."

"What looks like a catastrophe may only be an attempt by a small body of men to create subversion in the world."

He looked forward to a day when the Security Council would meet only rarely and the Economic and Social Council would meet continually.

The Council's other Vice-President, M. Fyrmann Dehoese (Belgium) said that there was no possible doubt of the legality of the discussions and decisions taken in the absence of East European delegates.—Reuter.

BUS DISASTER

Saint Amant, France, July 3.
An express train crashed into a bus loaded with vacationists at a crossing here early on Monday, killing 25 persons on the bus and injuring one other.—United Press.

Throttling peace in Far East

Lake Success, July 3.
The North Korean authorities, in a Russian language cable to the United Nations, today accused the United States of "bare-faced aggression."

They also charged America with trying to establish "imperialist domination" in the Far East and warned that the Koreans would now fight a "holy war" against all attacks.

A cable received here by way of Moscow came from Mr Pak Hen Yen, the Foreign Minister of the Korean People's Democratic Republic, and sent from Pyongyang, the Northern capital.

The cable said: "American Imperialists have long dreamed of establishing their domination in the Far East." It then recounted past events allegedly supporting this accusation.

It said that because "North Korea" had become the base for a struggle for unity and independence, the South Korean Republic and the United States had plans to "throttle it by military force."

"The American Imperialists and their South Korean proteges committed a desperate mistake in unleashing a civil war in Korea. The troops of Syngman Rhee have met with fitting resistance and under the blows of the People's Army, which has counter-attacked,

Blackout on movements of American troops

Korea, Front Line July 4.
A complete blackout on all American troop movements in Korea is now in force. The Americans now will be either posted to units or held in the rear until a tremendous reserve of men and heavy weapons arrive which will go all the way to the 38th parallel.

There is evidence that the Communist drive has been slowed down by the establishment of lines in Suwon. Fighting is reported in the outskirts of that city but Suwon is still in the Republican hands.—United Press.

TEACHERS SACKED IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, July 3.
The Cyprus Government has dismissed for "gross insubordination" 10 of its schoolmasters who wrote to the Greek Director of Education in Athens in favour of the union of Cyprus with Greece, it was learned today.

Dismissal notices were sent to the four members of the Pan-Cyprian Teachers' Association by the Colonial Secretary.

The Cyprus Government first announced on June 12 that it would dismiss seven schoolmasters and order their salaries to be forfeited. They were requested to submit before June 24 a written explanation of their "improper conduct, prejudicial to the discipline and good administration of Cyprus."

It was said that in their letter the teachers had also asked that the Greek primers be used in Cyprus schools without deletions. Those used at present deleted a poem entitled "Enslaved Cyprus" and a map showing Cyprus as part of Greece.—Reuter.



The first meeting of the North Atlantic Pact countries was held at the Ministry of Transport recently to discuss the organisation of Merchant shipping in time of war.
Photo shows: Sir Gilmore Jenkins, the Chairman (right) chatting to Mr Guttery, the Deputy Secretary of Shipping.

Nationalists to ask MacArthur about their offer of troops

Taipei, July 3.

The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr George Yeh, stated tonight that talks were going on with General Douglas MacArthur's Allied headquarters in Japan about Nationalist China's offer of 33,000 "seasoned troops" for action in Korea.

He added that the exchange of views between the Chinese Nationalist and United States Governments, which followed the offer, had been communicated to the United Nations' Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie.

The offer was made in two wide memoranda delivered to the American State Department on June 29 and 30.

The State Department last night welcomed it but said that preparation to meet a threat to Formosa should have priority.

The Nationalist leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, said tonight that North Korea was "just another Russian puppet carrying out part of the world conquest programme."

KOO EXPLAINS

In Washington Dr Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador, said today that the Chinese Nationalist Government had agreed to hold "full discussions" with the United States military authorities about the defence of Formosa, island stronghold of the Nationalist leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Dr Koo made this statement after a 20-minute meeting at the State Department with the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern Affairs, Mr Dean Rusk.

Dr Koo said that they had discussed the Chinese Nationalist offer to send 33,000 Chinese troops from Formosa to Korea to join American forces in repelling the North Korean invaders.

Questioned about reports of Chinese Communist troop

Shuffling Shipping For Wartime

EXPERTS CONFER ON GERMANY

London, July 3.
The three-power Experts' Conference on the future of Germany met in London for the first time today.

The Study Group of British, French and American experts on Germany, which was set up by the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers at their May meetings in London, have little more than eight weeks before they are due to report to the Foreign Ministers at their New York meeting in September.

A communiqué issued after the end of the first day's meeting said: "In the three-power declaration on Germany, which was adopted on July 3, it was stated: 'The Ministers accordingly agreed to set up a Study Group in London to undertake the necessary preparatory work to enable the occupation status to be reviewed at the appointed time and to make recommendations for eliminating the major practical inconveniences arising in the countries concerned from the state of war.'"

The Study Group held its first meeting at the Foreign Office on July 3. The meetings are being held at the official level. The discussions, which at this stage are exploratory, will be confidential.—Reuter.

No Holiday For Some Americans

Washington, July 3.
Many United States Government officials and employees will get no holiday tomorrow, July 4, American Independence Day, because of the Korean crisis.

The Defence Department said that it would give the day off to those of its 24,300 employees who could be spared but thousands would have to work as they had over the week-end. It will also be a working day for key workers in some other departments and agencies, notably the State Department and the White House executive offices.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom, you've been voted the best cookie-maker on the street!"

Russia to keep hands off

Washington, July 3.
United States diplomats showed more optimism today than at any other time since the Communists invaded South Korea. They believed the United States still faces severe military tests but has overcome the greatest diplomatic dangers.

Despite reports that four planes marked with the red star of Russia were operating with the North Korean air force, there is growing belief that Russia will keep her hands off, even if the Communists lose.

Officials would not comment on dispatches from the Korean front that reconnaissance planes with Russian markings took part on a raid on the Suwon airstrip. United States officers discounted or denied reports that Russian pilots had joined the battle.

Optimism here sprang in part from: (1) overwhelming world support for the United States intervention in Korea, and (2) the fact that the strong Western stand in Korea will discourage the Russians from adventures likely to touch off a general war.

The optimism was tempered somewhat by these discouraging factors:

1. The United States is about to pour out its blood in a far-away land that has little but propaganda value. This diluting of American strength must be counted as a Soviet victory, at least on the physical front.
2. Soviet Diplomacy in Korea—at least up to the time of the invasion—had been effective and that in general the potentialities of Russian postwar diplomacy may have been underrated.
3. Fears that over-concentration of Western military strength around Korea might make it easier for the Communists to intimidate Turkey, Iran or India—China where Red pressure is growing.

SOVIET ATTITUDE

But weekend diplomatic reports strengthened the belief that Russia will not intervene in Korea. The Soviet press was described as indicating the Soviets will not get involved. The Russian people were described as being calm, if not apathetic, about the whole incident.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Dean Rusk, and Ambassador at large Dr Philip Jessup spent the day at the State Department, studying these and other diplomatic reports.

One worry was centred on where or whether the Communists would strike again. The Russians, using their Chinese Communist puppets, could provoke a further conflict that would strain Western resources and, at the same time, let Russia hoard its own strength.—United Press.

First Major Test Of Schuman Plan

Paris, July 3.
Schuman Plan delegates returned here today for the second round of the talks on pooling Western Europe's heavy industry resources.

The delegates spent last week in their own capitals, conferring with higher authorities on the French plan, presented at the initial talks which ended on June 24.

Each delegation took home a "blue-print" of the French plan, and it was expected that the plan would meet its first major test when the objections of the different governments are brought up this week.

Negotiations were resumed this afternoon. A communiqué issued afterwards stated: "The delegations (from France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium) explained the results of the exchanges of view which they have had during the past week with their Governments and with experts."

The negotiations will continue. Study groups will be set up to examine the proposals, and the results of the French proposal. The delegations will meet again tomorrow at 4 p.m. B.S.T.

Reuters learned in usually reliable quarters that the study groups will be: (1) a judicial group to determine the powers which the high authority which will direct the merger; (2) an economic group to study prices; and (3) a social group to study the effect on populations of the plan.—Reuter.

General Nye On Leave

London, July 3.
Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Nye, the British High Commissioner in India, arrived here by air tonight on two months' leave.

He said: "As announced, the Indian Government has condemned the aggression in Korea. I do not think any Indian troops will be sent to take part in the campaign. I cannot say any more."—Reuter.

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By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the advantages of having a good partner is that you can rely on him. Even when he is merely playing small cards he is on the alert to give you vital information.

West led the four of spades. East played the ten, and South played low. East continued with the jack of spades, and South took his king.

Declarer next led the queen of diamonds and overtook with dummy's king. East naturally refused to take the trick, and three otherwise the whole diamond suit would be run against him. East also paid careful attention to the fact that his partner had played the deuce of diamonds on this trick.

Having arrived in dummy with the king of diamonds, declarer led a club and dived his jack. West won with the queen and led another spade, knocking out South's ace.

At this point South led his remaining diamond and played the nine from dummy. East had to decide whether to hold his ace of diamonds or take his own. He would want to take the ace at once if he could be sure that South had no more diamonds; but he would want to refuse the trick if South had another diamond left in his hand.

It is easy to see that East would have nothing better than a guess if his partner happened to be a poor player. A weak West would play the ace first and then the six of diamonds, whether or not he also held the seven of diamonds. In this situation, the chances are that East would guess wrong. He would refuse the trick to make sure of shutting out the rest of dummy's diamonds.

There is no guess, however, if West is the sort of player that East can trust. West would play his lowest card with exactly three diamonds (in a singleton); but he would play a higher card with two or four diamonds. This sort of signal is always used when dummy has a long suit without entries (winning cards) in side suits.

When the hand was actually played, East knew that his partner's deuce of diamonds showed three cards in the suit. It was then easy to count the suit and take the second diamond trick. That limited South to eight tricks. Declarer would have made nine tricks if East had refused the second diamond.

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Marines Ordered To Korea

IWOJIMA BATTLE VETERAN TO LEAD CONTINGENTS

Washington, July 3.

A Navy spokesman announced today that United States Marine ground and air units had been ordered from the United States West Coast to General MacArthur's Far Eastern Command. The size of the units was not disclosed. The men are expected to arrive in Yokohama in about 16 days.

Asked whether the Marines may join the fighting in South Korea, the spokesman said: "I understand they are always rough and ready."

He said ground units would be drawn from Camp Pendleton, California, home of the First Marine Division. The First Division is under the command of Maj-General Graves Blandford Erskine, who led the Marines on Iwojima in one of the bloodiest struggles of World War II.

Marine air unit will go to the Orient from El Toro, California, base of the First Air Wing. The First Air Wing is commanded by Maj-General F. Harbo, also a veteran of World War II. It includes jet-propelled Grumman fighters and twin-engine Grumman Tiger Cat and Allison fighters.

JOINT CHIEFS' ORDER

The spokesman said the move was ordered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with President Truman's approval. There was no immediate indication whether the entire First Marine Division, numbering about 23,000 officers and men, and the entire First Air Wing would be committed. It was assumed, however, that the Marine contingents would be sizable in view of the decision to move them by ship rather than by air transport.

The Navy spokesman did not make it clear whether General MacArthur had requested Marine units. The decision to send Marine ground and air units to the Far East was announced at the Pentagon GMT "briefing" at the Pentagon.

At the same time, an Air Force spokesman said 105 Air Force units had been flown against North Korean targets in the 24-hour period ending 1400 GMT on Monday. The report on damage inflicted. The spokesman revealed that one F-80 had been lost and that the pilot was considered missing in action.

Eighty of the sorties were flown by F-69 fighters and 14 by F-20 light bombers. Three were flown by F-82 fighters, while Royal Australian Air Force planes flew the other eight.

The Air Force spokesman also said that message from Korea indicated that "various troops carrier operations are

going on."

The Navy spokesman explained that the secrecy surrounding the number of Marines being dispatched to the Far East resulted from requests by General MacArthur that only general terms be used in describing American deployments. The spokesman added: "The Department of Defense is in accord."

The spokesman also said the North Korean Navy consisted of about 50 vessels ranging from 30 to 1,500 tons. He said almost all of them were patrol types and usually mount three-inch guns. He said the North Korean Navy had an estimated 5,000 officers and men.—United Press.

U.N. WAR COUNCIL

New York, July 3. A New York Times editorial, commenting on United Nations intervention in Southern Korea, said today: "The Security Council is expected to consider this week an appointment of a UN co-ordinating committee or war council to direct both the military and economic efforts necessary to cope with the present emergency. Such a committee could and undoubtedly should be appointed."

Mr. Arthur, who already is directing military operations in Korea, as commander of the combined United Nations forces, and channel to him whatever additional aid is available. "No doubt each national contingent would still want to fight under its own flag, but side by side also by the blue and white banner of the United Nations to demonstrate that the United Nations has at last come of age and is meeting the responsibilities imposed on it. It is to be hoped that the Security Council will take whatever action necessary to achieve that end."

MORAL REASON

In another editorial, the Times said one of the immediate results of the Communist invasion of South Korea was the quick and drastic revision of Far Eastern policy of the United States. It said: "The reason why President Truman's action was greeted from one country to the other with overwhelming support is essentially a moral reason."

"That action has given us a chance to regain our national self-respect. We had looked at the Pacific uneasily month after month. We knew that we ought to do something, and we did not. We were burdened with a sense of guilt and, what was worse, a sense of shame."

"Now that burden has been shaken off. Our good conscience has been restored."—United Press.

20 WOUNDED IN PONDICHERRY

Pondicherry, French India, July 3.

Unidentified gunmen today wounded 20 people among an angry crowd who attacked the city residence of Professor Lambert Saravane, French India Deputy in the National Assembly in Paris.

15 MISSING IN CRASH NEAR PUSAN

Washington, July 3.

The United States Army added four new names to its casualty list today, to make an officially reported total of 15 missing.

It was confirmed that all 15 were victims of the crash of a C-54 transport plane on a mountainside near the South Korean port of Pusan, on June 30, on the way from Japan to the war zone.

Earlier, the Air Force had announced that all five members of the transport's crew were lost, but their names have not been made public.

Field reports had said that there were no survivors among the 23 military passengers aboard.

The first list of 11 casualties came out yesterday. Today's list was the second of the Korean fighting.—Reuter.

Moscow, July 3. The Russian newspaper, Pravda, today continued to report mass "hands off Korea" meetings throughout the Soviet Union.

Pravda carried a front-page headline across four columns, three lines deep, saying: "The Soviet people, with enormous indignation, brand direct act of aggression by American Government."

The report said that meetings throughout the country had demanded "a curb to the American-English aggressors."—Reuter.

HINDU VIEW

Bombay, July 3. Dr. N. B. Khare, the President of the Hindu Mahasabha, the third largest political party in India, today criticised the Indian Government's support for the Security Council resolution on Korea as "communal neutrality."

Dr. Khare, who has been in Bombay for the Socialist-sponsored "Opposition Parties' Conference," which has just ended, told reporters: "The Indian Government's action really amounts to an identification with the Anglo-American bloc."

THAI SUPPORT

Bangkok, July 3. The Thai Foreign Minister, Nai Vorakarn Bancha, informed the United Nations Secretary General today that "the Government is watching with great concern developments in Korea." His telegram denounced the "use of force and aggression against the young Republic of Korea" and said the Thai Government's decision was to support the Security Council's resolution.

"Disturbance of peace, disturbance of the Council's order and violation of the Charter should not be allowed to go unpunished."

Mr. Bancha said the Thai Government was ready to support "any measures the United Nations deems necessary and will render whatever assistance possible to help Korea."

He added that Thailand, being an agricultural country, was ready to extend immediate aid to Korea by sending food supplies such as rice.—United Press.

USSR NEUTRAL?

Paris, July 3. The Vietnam Radio said today in a broadcast that the Soviet Union intended to remain neutral in the Korean war, the France Press Agency reported from Saigon.

The secret Indo-Chinese transmitter announced: "The USSR intends to remain neutral but means to make it clear that she will not let the warlords perpetrate their sinister designs in Korea."—Reuter.

President Of Korea



A recent picture of Dr Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea (South Korea), whose territory has now been invaded by Communist-led North Koreans. (London Express Service).

Chiang Wants Russians Named As Aggressors

Taipei, July 3.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said in a speech today that only if the United Nations names Russia as the instigator of the Korean war "can the Russians be forced to cease their aggressive activities before it is too late. Only by so doing can we stop war and restore peace."

SAW STRANGE OBJECT IN THE SKY

Anchorage, Alaska, July 3.

Civilians and military personnel reported without official confirmation that a strange object passed over Fairbanks, Alaska, today.

Some people who saw the object at 1300 GMT said it might be a guided missile. Those who said they witnessed the flight reported that it was going in a southeasterly direction. They said it passed over Ladd Air Force Base at Fairbanks and an Army camp at Big Delta, Alaska.

The Air Force would neither confirm nor deny the report. Airline company officials said reports concerning the object were carried on their planes, but they refused to tell what the reports had said.

Air Force intelligence officers were taking the names of persons who reported having seen the object and were instructing them not to discuss it.—United Press.

French Battle Guerillas

Salon, July 3.

French troops were today in action against guerrillas of the Russian-recognised Vietnamese insurrectionary government, an official communique reported. The operation followed a "heavy ambush" on a French supply convoy late in June, 25 miles south of Dong Hoi, Central Vietnam.

There had been a few French losses and "serious losses" had been inflicted on the guerrillas, the communique claimed. Large quantities of war material had been seized and 600 irregulars had gone over to the French side, it was further claimed.—Reuter.

Mrs Roosevelt Goes Home

New York, July 3.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt wife of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, returned to New York today after her visit to Norway to unveil a monument to her husband.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is rather a puzzling little test. It is possible for three of the nine competitors to win seven games each, and for three to win seven. But the point is that, if three competitors each win seven games, no one else can win more than six. Hence six wins is sufficient to ensure a place in the prize list. (London Express Service).

Liaquat Ali Khan Deplores Indian Action In Bengal

London, July 3.

The Pakistan Premier, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, told the press today that as far as Pakistan was concerned, his Government was making every effort to carry out its obligations under the recent agreement with India on the question of minorities.

He said: "I wish the same could be said about India." He said in West Bengal, irresponsible Indian leaders were still carrying on their campaign against Pakistan. He expressed the hope that "the Government of India will take action against these people. One of the articles of the agreement with India was that both governments should take such appropriate action against anyone creating bitterness. As far as Pakistan is concerned we are most anxious to have a settlement by peaceful means."

HUMBLE MAN

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan chuckled when asked whether the Russian invitation for him to visit Moscow still stood. He said: "Yes, I suppose it still stands, but I am a humble man and never aspire to great heights." He said that throughout his American tour he had told Americans that the Far Eastern countries felt the United States was not doing all it could for Asia.

"I didn't talk about rupees," he said. "I told the Americans how the Asiatic countries were the victims of aggression. I told them to go out and invest their money in Asia, where they would find hospitality and friendliness. I told them economic development would find an answer to Communism, but I must make it plain that, while Pakistan could take any step to prevent fighting anywhere, it will give any help within its means to halt aggression, if necessary, by force. It all depends on what we have. When I get back to Pakistan, I intend to find out what we can give to help the fight."

ANOTHER TALK

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan said he hoped it would not become necessary for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers to hold another conference. "It has been agreed that conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers can be called at any time considered necessary," he said. "I hope such necessity will not arise."

However, he said he was going to have another meeting with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, in an effort to resolve all outstanding differences with India "through friendly means."

He said: "We must be friendly with all our closest neighbours. We are making every effort to improve our relations with every country with whom differences existed, including Britain. There are several things yet to be done to improve relations with Britain. While I am here, I hope to

FREEDOM OF VIEW

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan said he felt "very sad" regarding the deterioration of relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan. "We are most anxious that our relations with Afghanistan should be most friendly. I can assure Afghanistan that we would do everything necessary to bring this about," he said.

Regarding the United Nations resolution on Korea, the Pakistan Premier said it was for every Government to decide for themselves. "Egypt must speak for itself, just as every other country must make its own decisions. The question of China's membership of the United Nations is also a matter to be decided by the United Nations, with every country having the freedom to voice its views. As Pakistan is not a member of the Security Council, we have no voice in this matter."

He said Pakistan was "very friendly" with Indonesia.—United Press.

LONDON MEETING

London, July 3. Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, told Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, here this afternoon. They were believed to have discussed matters of Anglo-Pakistan interest.—Reuter.

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